

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2010

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, during this year alone more than 6,500 women in North Carolina will receive a diagnosis of breast cancer, and approximately 1,340 North Carolina women will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in the nation, and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in North Carolina and in the United States; and

WHEREAS, one woman will be diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes, and one woman will die of breast cancer every 13 minutes in the United States; and

WHEREAS, every woman is at risk for breast cancer even if she has no family history or other risk factors of the disease; and

WHEREAS, early detection can be an extremely effective tool, timely screening mammograms could prevent 15 to 30 percent of all deaths from breast cancer in women over age 40, and if breast cancer is found and diagnosed while still confined to the breast, the 5-year relative survival rate is more than 98 percent; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States today; and

WHEREAS, October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the pink ribbon is the internationally recognized symbol of breast cancer awareness; and

WHEREAS, community organizations, churches, synagogues and other places of worship, as well as worksites, can play a special role in educating members or employees about breast cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby recognize October 2010, as "**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina. I urge all North Carolinians to wear pink ribbons in recognition of breast cancer awareness and in honor of women who have lost their lives to breast cancer and of those women who are now courageously fighting the battle with breast cancer. I further encourage women to talk with their health care providers about regular screening and to promote early detection of breast cancer by having regular clinical breast examinations, getting regular mammograms, and practicing monthly breast self-examination.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten and the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.